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Applicant : Peter M. Bonutti
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ANCHORING A SUTURE
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 9, 1997, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,
15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 39, 44, and 61 without prejudice.

Please cancel claim 7, which was indicated as being
allowable, and rewrite the claim in independent form as claim
73 as follows:

29. A method of positioning a suture anchor in body
tissue, said method comprising the steps of engaging a surface
area on body tissue with a leading end portion of a member
which extends through an anchor engaged by a suture, piercing